Research on International Relations (ICRIER) by the Department of Consumer Affairs, the size of Indian retail market has been estimated as Rs. 7,40,000 crores in 2002. On an average, this sector has grown at 7% per annuam during 1999-2002.

(d) Retail sector in India is predominantly unorganized, having one of the highest density of retail outlets per capita in the world and lowest per capita retail space. Only 2% of the Indian retail sector is organized while this has been 20%, 80% and 70% in case of China, United States of America (USA) and United Kingdom (UK) respectively. The contribution of the Indian retail sector to the total employment has been 7% as compared to 6%, 11.7% and 11% in case of China, USA and UK respectively. As per the existing policy of the Government, Foreign Direct Investment is not allowed in retail trade in any form whereas this has been allowed in many other countries with or without restrictions.

Violence against women

†*151. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government officials or police personnel too commit violence against women in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to enact stringent laws and amend the present Criminal Procedure Code; and

(c) if so, by when and the reasons for the delay therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT): (a) to (e) There are various laws concerning women such as Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929, Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 and Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987. Some sections in the Indian Penal Code, 1860 provide for punishment for offences against women. These Sections are (i) section 304 B(dowry Death) (ii) section 354 (assault or criminal force to women with intent to outrage her modesty, (iii) section 376 (Rape); (iv) section 498 (enticing or taking away or detaining with criminal intent a married women) (v) section 498 A (husband or relatives of husband of a women subjecting her to cruelty); and (vi) section 505 (word, gesture or

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act intended to insult the modesty of women). The provisions of the aforesaid Acts and section of the IPC are applicable to all including Government official or police personnel. Further, section 376 (2) (a) & (b) of the Indian Penal Code provides for higher minimum punishment in case of rape committed by a police officer and public servant on a woman in custody.

As regards violence against women by police personnel, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) collects and compiles statistics of incidents of rape committed by police personnel on women in custody. A few cases of incidents of rape committed by police personnel have come to the notice of Government. As per the statistics finalized for the period 2002 to 2004 by NCRB, only 3 cases were reported in 2002, no case was reported in 2003 and only one case was reported in 2004. Data on violence committed against women by Government officials is not maintained centrally.

Installation of power plants in the country

†*152. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to install power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent by Government on the installation of the power plants?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Identification of power projects for development and commissioning sector-wise is an on-going exercise. In the Public Sector, 31,476 MW worth projects are under execution at present. In addition, 6926 MW are under execution in Private Sector. The details of these projects are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) The estimated capital expenditure on these projects is of the order of Rs. 1,90,655 Crores. Out of this, the capital expenditure in the public sector is estimated to be Rs. 1,63,764 Crores and in Private Sector Rs. 26,891 crores.

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